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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 16 January 1978

authorizing the French Republic not to apply Community treatment to imports of woven fabrics of jute or of other textile bast fibres falling within heading No 57.10 of the Common Customs Tariff and new sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods, of jute or of other textile bast fibres, falling within subheading 62.03 ex A of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the People's Republic of Bangladesh and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the French text is authentic)

(78/303/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular the first paragraph of Article 115 thereof,

Having regard to the application under the first paragraph of Article 115 of the Treaty, made on 10 January 1978 by the French Government to the Commission by telex from the Office of its Permanent Representative to the European Communities, for authorization not to apply Community treatment to woven fabrics of jute or of other textile bast fibres falling within heading No 57.10 of the Common Customs Tariff and new sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods, of jute or of other textile bast fibres, falling within subheading 62.03 ex A of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the People's Republic of Bangladesh and in free circulation in the other Member States,

Whereas, under the Agreement on trade in jute products concluded between the Community and the People's Republic of Bangladesh, France has imposed quotas on direct imports of these products originating in that country;

Whereas according to the above application the French industry in question is facing serious difficulties resulting in a progressive decline in production and in its share of the market;

Whereas indirect imports of the products in question, would be likely to aggravate the economic difficulties in the sector concerned;

Whereas it is not possible at the present time to set in motion the machinery for bringing about the necessary cooperation from the other Member States;

Whereas authorization should accordingly be given, for a limited period, for the application of protective measures under the first paragraph of Article 115, subject to the conditions specified in the Commission Decision of 12 May 1971 (1), and in particular Article 1 thereof,

(1) OJ No L 121, 3. 6. 1971, p. 26.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The French Republic is authorized not to apply Community treatment to imports of woven fabrics of jute or of other textile bast fibres falling within heading No 57.10 of the Common Customs Tariff and new sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods, of jute or of other textile bast fibres, falling within subheading 62.03 ex A of the Common Customs Tariff, where they originate in the People's Republic of Bangladesh and are in free circulation in the other Member States, and in respect of which applications for import licences lodged after 1 January 1978 are, on the date of this Decision, pending with the French authorities.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 16 January 1978.

For the Commission

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Vice-President